December 2006

Potato Creek State Park

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PLEASE NOTE: Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee. **All programs begin promptly at scheduled times.** (Eastern Time Zone)

Park Closed December 4&5 for Deer Maintenance Hunt

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2006

10:00 a.m. WHERE HAVE ALL THE WOODCHUCKS GONE?—Discover where woodchucks (groundhogs) go for a winter retreat. 30 minutes

2:00 p.m. SURVIVAL! - Find out how insects of summer survive the cold as we take a look at some insect "winter homes". 45 minutes. MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2006

2:00 p.m. ATTRACTING BIRDS - Pick up some tips on how to attract birds to YOUR backyard from this video. 1 hour. MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2006

10:00 a.m. OH DEER! – We'll take a fascinating look at White-tailed Deer, and the controversies surrounding them. 45 minutes. MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

2:00 p.m. FARMLAND TO PARKLAND – Learn a little about the history of and development of the park in this slide show. 1 hour. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2006

2:00 p.m. LIFE AT A BEAVER POND - Sit back and relax to watch this great video on the lives and habits of beaver. 50 minutes. MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2006

10:00 a.m. <u>BIRD ID BASICS</u> - Pick up some tips on identifying birds in an indoor program and then practice at our bird window. 45 min's <u>MEET</u>: Nature Center Auditorium

2:00 p.m. <u>REPTILE REVIEW</u> - Come learn a little about our local reptiles and then meet one up close and personal. 45 minutes. <u>MEET</u>: Nature Center Auditorium

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2006

2:00 p.m. CELEBRATING AMERICA'S WILDLIFE – Come enjoy this colorful video featuring some of the USA's big game. 1 hour. MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2006

10:00 a.m. MAKIN' TRACKS - Learn a little about animal tracks and make a track craft to take home with you. 45 minutes. MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

2:00 p.m. REMAINS TO BE SEEN – A close up look at a few fascinating animal parts: skins, skulls and more! 45 minutes. MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2006 (Nature Center Open 12-4)

10:00 a.m. WINTER BIRD WALK - Bring your binoculars or share ours and join us for a walk to search for winter birds. 1 hour. MEET: PORTER REA CEMETERY

2:00 p.m. <u>MICRO COSMOS</u> – Don't miss the stunning microphotography exposing the fascinating world of insects in this video. 1 hour. <u>MEET</u>: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2006 (Nature Center Open 12-4)

10:00a.m. DISCOVER WINTER HIKE — Bundle up and hit the trail with us to enjoy winter's beauty on this hour-long hike.

MEET: QUAKING ASPEN EAST P. LOT

2:00 p.m. SECRET WORLD OF BATS – This video about bats from around the world will amaze you. Come watch! . 1 hour. MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2006

10:00 A.M. WINTER TREE ID—Hear about the three "B"s of identifying trees without leaves and practice using these skills 45 minutes MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

2:00 p.m. WHO IS CALLING? - Learn more about the mysterious, nocturnal birds known as owls and how to catch a glimpse of one. MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

December Nature Center Hours (Eastern Time)

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 p.m. Sunday: Noon - 5:00 p.m. (closed December 24 & 31)